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Medicaid Billing Tool Kit: November 2014

Medicaid Billing Guide: April 2015

Medicaid (IEP and MAC) Reimbursements Report: SFY 2015-as of 12/31/14

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Learning Connection: IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community - your online connection to School-based Medicaid Announcements, Files & Bookmarks, Forum Discussions and an Events Calendar.

Notice Anything Different?

Prior to 2016, quarterly Medicaid-IN-Schools newsletters have been named and archived according to the names of the four seasons of the year (winter, spring, summer and fall). Global weather patterns, solstice and equinox dates, school and fiscal years aside, this can be confusing.

Beginning with this edition — the first one of Calendar Year 2016 —

Medicaid-IN-Schools newsletters will now be named and archived according to the calendar quarter in which they are posted in IDOE's School-based Medicaid newsletter archive. In future, watch for the Jan-March, April-June, July-Sept, and Oct-Dec newsletters to be available online by the end of each calendar quarter (March 31, June 30, Sept 30 and Dec 31).

What Affects Total Amounts Claimed?

Semi-annual updates of IDOE's [School Corp Medicaid Reimbursement Report](#) can prompt questions about differences in the total amounts claimed by school corporations of similar size and year-to-year fluctuations in one district's total reimbursements. This report of school corporations' total Medicaid reimbursements for both IEP-required direct services and "MAC" (Medicaid Administrative Claims) also includes the count and percent of each district's Medicaid-enrolled students and Special Education students. The report can help school personnel identify similarly situated districts to contact for input about local procedures, systems and contracted supports for Medicaid record keeping, claims submission and other local operational details.

Last year, Indiana's total annual Medicaid reimbursements per public school district ranged from

less than \$100 to \$975,000 for covered IEP-required direct medical services and from \$4,000 to \$172,000 for MAC activities. Factors that affect the amount of each district's total Medicaid reimbursements can vary as much as the amounts and may change over time. Factors may include but are not limited to:

for IEP Services Reimbursements

- the number of Medicaid-enrolled students in the district
- the extent to which parents have given the required written consent to release student data for Medicaid billing purposes
- the number, frequency and types of covered services required per the Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) of the district's Medicaid-enrolled Special Education students

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Did you know?

- Indiana School Health Network's 2016 conference will be June 14-15 at Indianapolis Marriott North inschoolhealth.org/conference/2016/
- Anyone can access school mental health resources at the Medicaid in Schools Community Files & Bookmarks Tab in Learning Connection
- Watch for the 2016 Conference Scholarship Application Announcement at the NAME (National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, Inc.) web site medicaidforeducation.org



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Factors that can affect district reimbursements (cont'd):

for IEP services reimbursements

- how many district clinical staff meet the licensure, credential and other requirements to be Medicaid-qualified providers of covered IEP-required services
- the number and location of the district's medical professionals who qualify to perform clinical supervision as required to bill services furnished by Medicaid-qualified "mid-level" practitioners
- the district's capacity to record and maintain documentation to support its Medicaid claims for each type of covered IEP-required service (for example, a district may have capacity to maintain the records required to document OT, PT and Nursing but lack capacity to maintain the records required to document specialized transportation services)

For additional details, see the *Medicaid Billing Tool Kit for IEP*

Services on the IDOE School-based Medicaid web page.

for MAC reimbursements

- the percent of Medicaid-enrolled students per district
- the number of school staff who routinely perform MAC activities and can be/are included in the statewide random moment time study to document time spent on such activities
- the amount of state and local dollars the district expends for salary and benefits costs for staff who routinely perform MAC activities
- the district's indirect cost rate (if applicable)
- the extent to which a district's random moment time study participants submit timely, thorough and accurate time study responses whenever they are randomly surveyed

Visit the IDOE's School-based Medicaid web page, <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialized/school-based-medicaid> to see the latest

versions of the School Corp Medicaid Reimbursements Report (under General Information) and the *Medicaid Billing Tool Kit* (under Manuals). In addition, help yourself to information and resources available in the Medicaid in Schools Community on the IDOE Learning Connection. Click the Medicaid in Schools Community Files and Bookmarks tab then click on the various folders and subfolders containing FAQ documents, sample forms, bookmarked web sites and other materials for districts interested in or currently participating in Medicaid claiming for school-based services and administrative activities.

The Medicaid in Schools Learning Connection Community also offers referral guides, assistance program information and other resources of interest to schools that do not participate in Medicaid claiming. See the article below about resources to help students and families address students' unmet health care service and coverage needs.

Check Out New Resources Available in Learning Connection

Medicaid in Schools Community membership is on the rise as Indiana educators discover its folders full of referral information, assistance program directories and other resources to help students with unmet needs. In addition to announcements, forum posts and an events calendar, this IDOE Learning Connection community offers links to many programs and organizations that can help schools work with families to address students' unmet health, mental health, dental and vision needs so kids can come to school ready to learn.

Recent additions to the folder of **Mental Health Resources** include: info on *mental health funding* authorized in the Every Student

Succeeds Act (ESSA); a February 2016 article on "Hoosier Kids Facing Mental Health Issues;" an *Indiana Child Mental Health Wrap-Around* Age Limit clarification; registration info for the annual national *Conference on Advancing School Mental Health*; plus a national journal article on "School Psychologists & School-based Medicaid Reimbursement."

New "**Resources to Help Students with Disabilities**" include: a link to the Indiana Commission on *Seclusion and Restraint training video* and *model Seclusion & Restraint plan*; an *updated link to a Referral Guide* and a *wealth of resources* from the *Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities*; and links to *parent-friendly materials*,

in Spanish and English, from Family Voices Indiana.

Under "**Grant Opportunities (funding other than Medicaid)**," there are recent additions about ongoing *grants to fund Autism Training for Teachers in Public Schools* and *NIH grants* to schools that are working with community partners to *Improve Diabetes Management in Preteens, Teens and Young Adults*.

The Medicaid in Schools Files & Bookmarks tab also offers **Resources to Help Students who are Homeless, Pregnant, Uninsured; Resources for school clinicians**; and a folder with Medicaid reimbursement information for **school business officers**.



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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating public school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested in Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, brochures, form templates, slide presentations, reports, quarterly newsletters, and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school corporation's Learning Connection administrator for access.



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Conference Connections: Medicaid and Special Education

National Alliance for Medicaid in
Education (NAME) annual conference
Sept 18-21, 2016
Boseman, MT
medicaidforeducation.org

CASE NASDSE conference
Sept 25-27, 2016
Milwaukee, WI
nasdse.org/events

Across the Nation

Noting that **healthy students are better learners who are more likely to thrive in school and in life**, the U.S. DOE and DHHS (Health and Human Services) issued a **joint letter to state Medicaid and Education agencies**, requesting states' cooperation to support quality health care and education for every child. In addition to the letter, U.S. DOE and DHHS now offers a **free Healthy Students, Promising Futures toolkit**, with 'State and Local Action Steps and Practices to Improve School Based Health.' <http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/healthy-students/index.html>.

Indiana is among 24 states and the District of Columbia to **receive New Skills for Youth grant** funds, as part of

a five-year initiative, by JP Morgan Chase in partnership with the Council of Chief State School Officers and Advance CTE, to increase economic opportunity for youth by strengthening career-focused education in high school and ending with postsecondary degrees or credentials.

In addition to a \$100,000 grant, Indiana will receive expert technical assistance and grantee peer support. Selected states are also eligible to apply for a phase two grant to implement their career readiness action plans. Further information about the New Skills for Youth grant opportunity is located on the Council of Chief State School Officers' website: http://www.ccsso.org/resources/programs/career_readiness_initiative.html

